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Hello John and Wally,

This link is to images from Saturday January 21. We had several feet of snow the week before last followed by an extended dry and windy period this past week. You can see it all on the webcam archives from the last two weeks. Every time there is fresh snow followed by wind coal dust settles on the snow for all to plainly see. Obviously this demonstrates that any time its dry and windy coal dust is blowing from the massive stockpiles but cannot be seen as it blows over the harbor and town and into the bay. When nature provides us with a clean palette as it has recently its as clear as day that huge volumes of coal dust are still escaping. To their credit they did wet the piles in single digit temps and high winds a few times last week but its clear that their success was temporary at best. If they would have kept up the spraying perhaps they could have prevented the dust from flying but their current method utterly fails. It seems like you all are totally satisfied as long as they make some feeble attempt to limit the coal dust leaving the facility but again its clear to see that their current efforts fall far short. It is also clear that their observers certainly cannot see the coal dust escaping when its dark and/or windy but again the blackened snow downwind reveals reality. Knowing that they observe the same blackened snow offsite yet continue to transfer coal in high winds its obvious that running without interruptions is their priority rather than limiting the community's unhealthy exposure to coal dust. Please do whatever you can to compel them to take their responsibility more seriously.

Thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of our environment.

Regards, Russ